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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
CHAPMAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
CHAPMAN, DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS
FEMA-1776-DR-KS

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the construction of a new elementary school within the Chapman Unified School District (USD). The original elementary school was destroyed by a tornado on June 11, 2008. FEMA was authorized under a Presidential disaster declaration (FEMA-1776-DR-KS) to provide Federal disaster assistance to Chapman USD in Dickinson County, Kansas as a result of damages incurred during the incident period beginning on May 22, 2008 and ending June 16, 2008 (Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121-5206, as amended (Stafford Act, Public Law 93-288)).

The new facility would be located on a 21 acre tract northwest of downtown Chapman. The new Chapman USD elementary school would be a one-story facility 69,697 square-feet in size with a basement/safe room of 7,462 square-feet. The new construction would include a parking lot and continuation of Irish Drive on the east side to Nicholson Road to the west.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and associated environmental statutes, a DEA has been prepared to evaluate the proposed action's potential impacts on the human and natural environment. The DEA summarizes the purpose and need, site selection process, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed action. The DEA is available for review between March 6, 2009 to April 4, 2009 at the Chapman USD District Office located at 413 North Marshall, Chapman, Kansas. The DEA can also be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm>. Written comments on the DEA can be faxed to FEMA's Regional Office in Kansas City, Missouri at (816) 283-7018. Comments should be received no later than 5:00pm on April 4, 2009. If no substantive comments are received, the DEA will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice. The DEA will then be moved to the archives page at http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/archives_index.shtm.